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TOPIC Military Information from the Wittstock Troop Training Grounds

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1. On 11 September 1952, a field exercise held at the Wittstock (N 54/U 21) troop training grounds involved 6 JS-3 tanks and 15 to 20 trucks including [] and others of the [] carrying 300 troops and moving toward Schweinrich. On the same day, 30 trucks [] were unloaded at the Dranse railroad station by troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets.

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2. At 10:45 a.m. on 2 September, 3 sedans including [] occupied by officers carrying maps passed through Elandikow, coming from the direction of Wittstock and proceeding toward Techow from where they later returned and proceeded toward Boelzke. [] about 1 km east of Boelzke, on the northern edge of the Heiligen Grab Stiftsforst (Forest).

to Mr Maslov (Inu)

[] On 21 August, 10 floatable objects about 5 to 6 meters long and 3.5 meters wide were on the ramp of the Dranse railroad station. They were sealed and had a welded deck from which, on the right front side, 4 to 6 bolts without threads and 10 cm long protruded. (2)

3. At 12:30 p.m. on 13 August, a field exercise involving 1 tank, 50 to 60 motorcycles, mostly with sidecars, and 3 armored personnel carriers mounting two machine guns each was conducted along the Elandikow-Techow road on the edge of the Heiligen Grab Stiftsforst. A soldier with ear phones and radio set was in one of the sidecars. [] followed by T-34 tanks [] drove along the Klein-Masslow-Wittstock road on 26 August, in the direction of Wittstock. (C-2) (3) At about 2 p.m. on the same day, an officer and 30 men with black-bordered black epaulets, truck [] floatable objects about 5 meters long, 3 meters wide and 1.5 meters high were seen on the engineer training site on the northern shore of Dranse Lake, 400 meters south of Grieb Lake. The troops worked on a shore section of the bridge. (2)

4. On 29 August, troops were quartered in a villa in Kyritz at 5 Bahnhofstrasse. [] No other troops were in Kyritz. (1)

5. On 17 August, about 20 pontoon sections with green paint lay on the Dranse railroad station. [] (2) A road barrier guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was noticed across the Schweinrich-Zechlin road, 1 km east of Schweinrich. Sedan [] with a general and trucks [] fourwheel armored personnel carrier [] were noticed there. (5) 25X1

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- (1) Probably, a field exercise of an element of the 18th Meck Div was to be held in the area west of Wittstock at the beginning of September, as was done in mid-August.
- (2) It appears that units of the 340th Ingr Bn of the 18th Meck Div returned from water exercises on the Elbe River in the Bittkau area about 20 August.
- (3) Compare with [redacted] on exercises held by elements of the 18th Meck Div in the area west of Wittstock in the middle of August.
- (4) [redacted] the establishment of a Soviet komendatura in Kyritz at the beginning of June 1952. At the same time, Holzhausenstrasse was vacated by the civilians. Other information of late August indicated that [redacted] into the house of the HJ Kreisleitung and that a kindergarten in Kyritz was occupied by officers [redacted].
- (5) Almost all motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the training grounds belonged to [redacted] of the Third Shock Army, presumably to the 18th Meck Div.

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